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## Finance Board O. K.'s Tax Investigation

Entire Board Goes On Record for  
Revision as Present Plan  
Faces Failure

Far-reaching steps for investigation leading to a future compulsory student tax were recommended to the student body when the student Board of Finance unanimously accepted a resolution to that effect, introduced at the regular Tuesday meeting. The entire board went on record as saying that the only fair and efficient system for the student association will be in the form of compulsory payment of student tax.

The members of the Finance Board are: Mr. George M. York, head of the Commerce department; Mr. Clarence A. Hidley, assistant professor of history; Ruth E. Williams, and Eileen A. Wallace, seniors; Emma A. Mead, and Glenn M. Ungerer, juniors; and Harry T. Gunner, '37.

After making the resolution public, the Board of Finance reported that to date 711 students have paid the \$10.00 tax, six have made half payments, and several have made definite arrangements to fulfill their financial obligations to the board before the end of the year. This represents a fifty-eight per cent collection on a budget calling for \$12,292.00.

In 1929-30 and in 1931-32, the student tax was \$14.00. The budget was (Continued on page 3, column 1)

## State Will Play Mass. State Five Tomorrow Night

By Frank Hardmeyer, '36  
Sports Editor.

The second eastern invasion of the season will take place on the Page hall court tomorrow night when a high scoring Massachusetts State team will attempt to halt State's victories at 8. The contest will close State's regularly scheduled season.

The Massachusetts team has an enviable record for the season, including a victory over Springfield college. They recently dropped a very close decision to Williams, the team that tamed Princeton's Tigers.

Coach Rutherford Baker will have his entire squad at full strength for the game. The opening whistle will probably find George Bancroft and Bob Murray at forward, Dan Finch and Captain Cliff Rall in the guard positions, and Leon Welter at center.

### TO SPEAK IN ASSEMBLY

Professor John M. Sayles, director of training, and professor of education, will be the speaker in the 11:30 student assembly today in the auditorium of Page hall, according to Clifford Rall, '34, president of the student association. Professor Sayles will talk on the residence hall now in process of construction. The lecture will be illustrated with slides.

## Basketeers Will Meet R. P. I. Five In Game March 9

By Frank Hardmeyer, '36  
Sports Editor

In a fitting climax to their most successful season in several years the State college cagers will meet the R.P.I. squad in a post-season game Saturday night, March 9, on the Page hall court. The engineers have not been on State's basketball schedule since 1921, when they trounced the Purple and Gold by a lopsided score.

The bridge-builders have never lost to a State college team. However, State's powerhouse has been bowling over all opposition this year while R.P.I. has had a mediocre season. The two teams are evenly matched and should draw the largest throng of the year.

## Compulsory Student Tax Is Asked; Plan Needed To Save Activities

Compulsory payments of student tax may be required for every matriculate next year, if present recommendations are realized.

As the NEWS goes to the printer, we are unable to get statements from the administration regarding the compulsory student tax plan. The N.E.A. convention has been responsible for the absences from college of Dr. Brubacher, Deans Nelson, Moreland. Their comments will be given in the next issue of the NEWS.

## Leaders Favor Compulsory Tax---

Opinions of several student leaders are printed below:

Clifford Rall, '35, member of Myskonia and president of student association: "I am strongly in favor of accepting the resolution regarding investigation of a procedure working toward a compulsory student tax."

Harriet Ten Eyck, '35, member of Myskonia, and president of the Girls' Athletic association: "Without a compulsory tax, extra-curricular activities at State will never amount to anything. Every year the amount of collections decreases; soon activities will receive no support whatever from the student body."

Dan Van Leuvan, '35, member of Myskonia and member of the NEWS board: "I strongly urge compulsory student tax payments as the only means of restoring student morale. The 'slackers' can destroy 'the whole house.' My reaction is 'all paying the tax or none paying--no activities at all.'"

Edward Kramer, '36, vice-president of the junior class: "The only reason I've paid my tax is so that I'd be able

to participate in school activities. I feel, however, that these activities should be able to support themselves, and those extra-curricular activities which are necessary, but cannot support themselves, should be supported by the State. Therefore, I would oppose compulsory student tax."

Catharine Kearney, '35, editor of *The Pedagogue*: "I favor the compulsory payment of student tax because under the present system many students are robbed of the full benefits of college life that might be offered because of the laxity of the delinquents."

Susan Smith, '35, president of the music council: "The idea of compulsory student tax should be adopted at State college because of the benefits to be derived from college life that is broadened by a share in extra-curricular activities."

George Taylor, '35, editor of *The Lion*: "Although I realize it would bring many 'publicly voiced' hardships, I have and will uphold the opinion that a compulsory student tax is a good thing. Such a tax 'carefully appropriated' would not become a 'Frankenstein.' There is always a way!"

## PASS THESE TODAY

(An Editorial)

This morning the student association will face perhaps the most momentous legislation that the student body has dealt with since the constitution was overhauled a decade ago.

Resolutions asking for an immediate investigation of the procedures by which a compulsory student tax may be brought into effect will be introduced this morning.

The action of the student body follows directly that taken on Tuesday by the Student Board of Finance when the entire board went on record as favoring investigating the methods by which such a compulsory plan could be established for State College.

There should be no question in the mind of any student of State College as to the value of having every member of the student body share in supporting our extra-class activities.

When almost one-half of the student body fails to assume its responsibility the student association is crippled—financially and MORALLY. Student morale becomes so weak that the apathy of the non-payers becomes a virulent germ which

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Mr. Clarence A. Hidley, assistant professor of history and treasurer of the student Board of Finance, said: "I think we should have a better understanding of why students do not pay the student tax. If it is lack of interest, then the student association budget should be dropped. I am in favor of an investigation seeking some solution to our present problem."

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## Roving Reporter Discovers Football Interest Growing

An inquiring NEWS reporter has found that the growing tidal wave of "football for next year" has practically the unanimous support of faculty and student body. Everyone interviewed showed favorable interest or else declined to comment on the question.

The question asked was, "What do you think of having a football team at State next year?" The results of the interviews were:

Dr. A. R. Brubacher, president: "Football at State college may be revived if there are enough men here who want it. We cannot have a team unless thirty or more men are ready to go out for the sport, and do so regularly throughout the season. It seems wise to have a year of experimenting, playing practice games with such teams as may be available, but deferring competitive games to a later time."

Donald C. Bryant, instructor in English: "Football next year would be

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### 1938 Tops Sophs In Rivalry Game

**Freshmen Women Win Basketball Games to Secure Margin; Debate to Be Soon**

With the recent victory of the freshmen girls over the sophomore girls in the annual inter-class rivalry basketball games, the freshmen now have the lead in inter-class rivalry with a one-half point margin.

The girls' basketball games were ended Wednesday afternoon. A series of three games are played each year, but this year the freshmen were victorious in the first two games, therefore concluding the series. The first game was played last Wednesday with a freshman victory of 28-12, and the game Wednesday afternoon proved to be an ever more complete freshman victory with a score of 39-16. As a result of these victories the freshman class is awarded three points in inter-class rivalry, giving them a half-point lead. However, with the men's basketball game scheduled for March 13 in the Page hall gymnasium, and with the inter-class rivalry debate between the two classes being planned, much enthusiasm is being shown in inter-class rivalry this year.

The annual freshman-sophomore debate is scheduled each year, according to the following Inter-Class Rivalry Rules:

During the first two months of the second semester, one class must challenge the other to whichever event (an inter-class sing was sung last semester) has not taken place during the first semester.

Challenges shall be addressed to Myskania, placed in the "M" section of the student mail box, in a sealed envelope.

The challenge shall be made by the president of one class to the president of the other class within three days after the president of said class has received notice from Myskania of the acceptance of the challenge by Myskania.

The answer must be made by one president to the other within one week. Failure to accept will be considered as a victory for the challenging class.

Choice of details in regard to the events may be made by the class whose challenge is accepted by Myskania, under the supervision of Myskania.

The challenge of the sophomore class was received and recognized first by Myskania, senior honorary society, and the official challenge from the sophomores to the freshmen was mailed Tuesday. The date and subject of the debate will be decided by a committee appointed at the sophomore class meeting Tuesday, composed of Lillian Shapiro, Irwin Stinger, and Robert Benedict. The winner of the debate will be awarded two and one-half rivalry points.

### Dramatics Class To Present Plays Tuesday Night

The advanced dramatics class will present two plays Tuesday night in the auditorium of Page hall at 8:30 o'clock. They will be under the direction of Margaret Delaney, '35, and Marjorie Wheaton, '36, respectively.

### "Inside Story" Is Promised In Talk

The inside story of how such bills as the Noonan bill (the one that would keep college students from talking) come to pass (or not to pass), and the antics of the legislators as they discuss their pet theories, will be revealed by Mrs. Grace C. Greene, secretary of the League of Women Voters, in her talk on the Legislature, at the tea to be conducted by the Social Science club Thursday at 3:30 o'clock in the Lounge of Richardson hall.

### Dr. H. W. Thompson To Speak In Lounge

Professor Harold W. Thompson will be the speaker at the first discussion meeting of the Young Women's Christian association this semester, to be conducted in the Lounge of Richardson hall next Thursday afternoon, at 4:10 o'clock, according to Sarah Logan, '35, president of the organization. Dr. Thompson will talk on American folk-lore, stressing the work of John Lomax, who will appear with his negro minstrel Leadbelly, next Monday.

### Examination Reveals Change To a Higher "Cut" Price

"The price per cut" is not 21 cents as reported in the News last week, but a higher figure, at 41 cents, a close examination reveals. This error, however, does not change the State's approximate cost of \$23.40 for you to register in a three-hour course. In other words, you may value your average college day at about \$1.55.

### Students Re-Elect Ungerer Treasurer

At the sixteenth annual conference of the North Atlantic region of the Lutheran Student association of America, Glenn M. Ungerer, '36, was re-elected treasurer of the region.

The conference was conducted in the Christian Association building of the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia last week-end.

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## State, R. P. I. Battle In Final Tomorrow

**Teams Are Evenly Matched as to Season's Records; Football May Get Proceeds**

In a grand finale to the most successful season in several years, the State college varsity five will tangle with the engineers of Rensselaer Polytechnic institute on the Page hall court tomorrow night. Coach Baker's fast moving powerhouse, victorious in eight out of nine games, will be seeking its first victory over the Trojan aggregation.

R.P.I. has had only a fair season on the basis of games won and lost, but rate approximately even with the State quintet if comparative scores mean anything. Both outfits defeated Brooklyn Poly by narrow margins in recent games. The atom-destroyers lost to Union last week in the second of their annual traditional games.

Coach Rutherford R. Baker will again have a full squad at his disposal, the only hitch being that Bob Murray, high scoring forward, may miss part of the contest because of a business engagement. Excluding this possibility, the probable starting lineup will be: Murray and Bancroft, forwards; Walter, center; Finch and Captain Rall, guards.

The proceeds of the game will be used for the purchase of football suits for next year, providing the Athletic council passes a resolution to include the sport in next year's program. Student tax tickets will admit students to the game.

## Alumni Association To Conduct Lunch

Tomorrow the New York city branch of the State college Alumni association will conduct its annual luncheon at the Hotel Lexington in New York city. Mary Norton, '11, president of the New York City branch, will preside. Guests who are invited will include Dr. A. R. Brubacher, president of State college, Professor John M. Sayles, director of teacher training, and Professor of education, Miss Anna E. Pierce, former dean of women, Dr. Minnie B. Scotland, assistant professor of biology, and Mrs. E. Brimmer, secretary of the Alumni association.

The Spring meeting of the Eastern New York branch, better known as the Albany branch, will be conducted on April 6. Mrs. Dorothy Brimmer Ten Eyck, '30, is president of the branch. Following the branch meeting, there will be a meeting of the Grand Council of which Mrs. Louise Persons Main, '22, is chairman, and Miss Pauline Baker '22, is vice-chairman. The program will include a panel discussion on the yearly activities of the Alumni association.

### WILL ADDRESS ASSEMBLY

Mr. Manley O. Hudson, professor in the Harvard Law school, will be the speaker in the student assembly at 11:10 o'clock today in the auditorium of Page hall, according to Dr. A. R. Brubacher, president. Mr. Hudson is the best informed man in the country on the League of Nations. His topic will be "Can the League of Nations Prevent War in Europe."

## Frosh-Soph Game For Rivalry Cup To Be Wednesday

Another event in inter-class rivalry will take place Wednesday at 8:00 o'clock when the freshman and sophomore men's basketball teams meet on the Page hall court for their annual contest. The victorious class will be awarded three points in inter-class rivalry.

At the present time the freshman class has taken the lead with a slender margin of 1/2 point—their score being 5 1/2 against the sophomores' 5. Four of the events scheduled have already taken place; the remaining eight, with an aggregate of 2 1/2 points to be awarded, will be conducted in time for the awarding of the cup to the victorious class on Moving-up day.

The men from the classes who will see action on Wednesday night are as follows:

Sophomores: centers, Alonzo Du Mont, Thomas Meehan and Charles Morris; forwards, Thomas Barrington, Frederick Byrnes, and John Ryan; guards, James Beale, Edmond Erwin, Edward Hulihan, and Howard Pember.

Freshmen: centers, Neal Kane and John O'Brien; forwards, Lyle Lawton, Paul Schmitz, and Abe Wasserman; guards, Frank Hildebrandt, John Masko, and Peter Rodenrys.

## Freshmen Appoint Debate Committee

At a meeting of the freshmen class on Monday, a committee was appointed to make arrangements for the freshman-sophomore debate to be held in the near future. The committee consists of Herbert Drooz, chairman, Warren Densmore, and Jean Lichenstein.

Plans were also suggested for a freshman dinner to be conducted after the Easter vacation. A committee was appointed to formulate plans for the dinner with the following members: Helen Williams, chairman; Grace Yorkey, Florence Zubris, Harold Reissig, and Elton Murphy.

## Senate Passes Student Oath Bill Ignoring Recent Vassar Opposition

Even though eighty girls from Vassar college marched upon the capital two weeks ago in a surprise assault upon the Senate in the State Legislature in opposition to the Numan student oath bill, the Senate passed the bill Monday night by a 44 to 10 vote.

The Numan bill, similar to the Ives Teachers' oath law which was adopted last summer, requires all students at public colleges, universities and normal schools to take an oath of loyalty to the Constitution. The express purpose of the bill is to keep communists out of the college of the City of New York.

Senator Joseph D. Numan, Jr., New York Democrat, said in support of his own measure, "This bill doesn't interfere with free speech. All we ask is that the student getting his or her education at public expense respect the country making that possible. I think that much is coming to the taxpayers who support these schools."

## Question Of Proposed Compulsory Student Tax Again Faces Assembly

Discussion of the proposed compulsory student tax will be continued in the 11:10 assembly in Page hall auditorium, Clifford Rall, '35, student council president, stated this morning.

The opinions of Dr. A. R. Brubacher, president, on the compulsory student tax resolutions, will be found on the editorial page of the News.

## State Professor Receives Injuries In Fighting Fire

Misfortune for the second time within the past month overtook Dr. George Painter, professor of philosophy, Monday morning when he was seriously burned by a fire at the home where he was staying.

The accident occurred about 8:00 o'clock in Dr. Painter's room at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lehman, 657 Washington avenue. He had left the room and upon returning, found his desk and papers in flames, and one side of the room ablaze. He attempted to smother the flames with his hands, and in doing so was badly burned on both hands and about the face. Mrs. Lehman summoned firemen who came to his aid, and he was immediately rushed to St. Peter's hospital, where he is now recovering.

Dr. Painter had the misfortune to sprain his ankle very badly several weeks ago, when he fell on the ice. He had just begun to walk about and was planning on walking to college Monday morning, when the accident befell him.

Dr. Painter, for a man of his age, is in very excellent physical condition, and he had enjoyed very good health previous to his accident. It is believed that he will be absent from his classes at least a week. His Education 5 classes will be conducted by Miss Margaret Hayes, assistant professor of child development, and his classes in philosophy will be discontinued until his return to college.

Resolutions asking for acceptance of Finance Board recommendations in re compulsory tax were introduced in the assembly last week. Because of the lack of time for adequate discussion, a motion to reconsider the question was introduced after the association had passed the resolutions.

The reconsideration move was immediately blocked by a motion to lay on the table. The question as to whether this action affected the status of the original question provoked discussion during the week. Consultation of Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure disclosed that "a Motion to lay on the table may be applied to . . . the motion to reconsider when immediately pending, in which case the question to be reconsidered goes to the table also." Further, "If reconsideration is laid on the table or postponed definitely, the question to be reconsidered and ALL ADHERING QUESTIONS GO WITH IT."

As a consequence, following the passage of a motion to take from the table, the following resolutions will again face the student association this morning:

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That this student association of the New York State College for Teachers accept the recommendation of the student board of finance that an investigation be made immediately to ascertain the procedures by which a compulsory payment of student tax may be effected. And

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the President and Faculty of this College be petitioned to consider this resolution for presentation to the Board of Regents, or to such authority as may be necessary to secure the enactment of proposed compulsory payment of student tax. And

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the President of this Student Association be empowered to appoint a committee for the purpose of investigating and reporting to this Association such action as may be taken.

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## Dr. Bergin To Head Romance Languages

The administration has added the department of romance languages to its curriculum for next year, President A. R. Brubacher announced today. This new department is the result of the consolidation of the departments of French and Spanish with the addition of courses in Italian. Dr. Thomas Goddard Bergin will head the department.

Courses in Italian will be introduced into the college curriculum in order to meet the ever-increasing demand for teachers of that subject, according to President Brubacher. The cultural value to be derived from the study of a modern romance language such as Italian was another reason given for the addition of the courses.

Dr. Bergin, a graduate of Yale university, has served as an instructor on the Yale faculty and as professor of romance languages at Western Reserve college. He is also well-known as the author of several books on various phases of foreign language study.